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Councilmember Christopher Glover, District 4

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## Wingstock 2013 on March 30

Wingstock, where music and chicken meat, returns to the Mesa Amphitheatre on March 30 from 11 am to 5 pm.

Valley restaurants have the



It's time for the latest edition of the District 4 newsletter. We are moving into springtime and things are starting to heat up in Mesa, including the weather!

We have many community events planned, including Celebrate Mesa on April 20 at Pioneer Park. This event was a huge success last year and we expect it to be just as fun in 2013. I hope to see you there for this unique event.

Wingstock comes to the Mesa Amp this weekend and it is the perfect place to get your fill of the best chicken wings the Valley has to offer.

I also want to make an effort to get out into the community and meet all of my residents and neighbors, so I encourage all of you to schedule a neighborhood meet and greet with me so I can answer any questions you may have about our city, or to talk about anything else you want.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions on how to make downtown Mesa a wonderful place to experience, please feel free to contact me. I love hearing from my residents!

All the best,

Councilmember Glover  
District 4

## Celebrate Mesa Returns To Pioneer Park

Celebrate Mesa returns to Pioneer Park on Saturday, April 20 from 3 to 6 pm.

The fun, family event will offer games, music, a zip line, bounce houses, a kids water zone, food vendors and so much more. Numerous City departments will have displays, information and fun activities. Admission is free but there is a \$2 fee for the zip line.

This year's event will also feature an inflatable Laser Tag Arena. It will be free to play 4 on 4 team games. For more information, visit the [Celebrate Mesa homepage](#).

opportunity to showcase their best chicken wing recipes and compete for the title "Wingstock King of Wings"! Last year's winner was Native New Yorker on Brown Road in Mesa.

In addition to all the chicken wings you can eat, Wingstock will also feature live musical acts, beer gardens, wing eating contests and more.

Back again this year will be the Easter Egg hunt for kids. Come early, at 10:30am, with the kids for an Easter Egg Hunt with HENdrix the Wingstock mascot!

Admission is \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. Wing tickets are 4 wings for \$3 or 14 wings for \$10.

To purchase tickets to the event, visit [MesaAmp.com](http://MesaAmp.com). For more information, visit the [Wingstock homepage](#).

## Neighborhood Meet and Greet

Councilmember Glover is currently scheduling meet and greets for neighborhoods in District 4.

If you and your neighbors are interested in meeting with Councilmember Glover to discuss issues, get your questions answered, or just get to know him, please contact Lindsey Balinkie at 480-644-5494 or via email at [lindsey.balinkie@mesaaz.gov](mailto:lindsey.balinkie@mesaaz.gov) to schedule your time.

Meetings can be held at community locations, parks or in neighborhood homes.



## Second Annual Great Arizona Bike Festival Cycles Back to Downtown Mesa



On April 5-6th, 2013, Downtown Mesa will host the 2nd Annual Great Arizona Bicycle Festival. Paired with El Tour de Mesa, this is a celebration of all things bike! The Great Arizona Bicycle Festival is a two-day event designed to provide something for everyone.

Friday, April 5th from 6-10pm it's all about Leather vs. Lycra! Come experience a Twilight Criterium through Downtown Mesa. This fast-paced cycling race for professional bikers will take bikers on a high-speed figure eight through the heart of Mesa. Some bikers will crash and burn, others will win hefty cash prizes. One thing is for sure; the crowd will get a great show! The Main Stage will feature Arizona's own Black Bottom Lighters and One Drop from San Diego along with a couple supporting local acts. The event is paired with Motorcycles on Main, Main Street's veteran event where motorcycles can park Sturgis Style and walk the street to shop vendors, listen to some rock-n-roll and check out some chrome. It's a party in the streets as Downtown Mesa hosts one of its biggest Friday nights ever!

Join us Saturday, April 6th from 10am-5pm for the family-friendly festival portion of the weekend. As the riders from El Tour de Mesa cross the finish line, they will be greeted by a huge festival of bikes. From beer gardens to vendors and bike swaps to bike competitions, riders and neighbors will have a full day of activities geared towards the bicycle loving crowd. The Main Stage performers include Weird is the New Cool, Andres from The Veragroove, Jared and the Mill, The Collective and Lane Change. Bring the whole family as there will be an enormous kids zone filled with inflatables of all sorts and a bike rodeo for the kids to teach them



bike safety.

The Great Arizona Bicycle Festival will also host its first Custom Bicycle Competition presented by LaDep Custom Cruisers. Bike Builders, riders and connoisseurs will be able to enter their prized rides for a chance to the Grand Prize of \$500 or several \$150 prizes. Categories include Best in Show, Best Arizona Themed Bike, Best Ladies Bike, Best Custom Cruiser and Best Lowrider. The competition is vote based and will take place during both Friday and Saturday events.

For more information, visit [AZBikeFest.org](http://AZBikeFest.org).

## Councilmember Glover Re-Appointed To NLC Committees

District 4 Councilmember Chris Glover has been re-appointed to the National League of Cities' (NLC) Finance, Administration and Intergovernmental Relations (FAIR) steering committee. This will be Councilmember Glover's second term on the FAIR steering committee, which is responsible for developing policy positions on issues involving national economic policy, general financial assistance programs, liability insurance, intergovernmental relations, Census, municipal bonds and capital finance, municipal management, antitrust issues, citizen participation and civil rights, labor relations, Native American sovereignty and municipal authority.

Councilmember Glover will also continue to serve on the Council on Youth, Education and Families (YEF) for a third term. The membership of the YEF Council, unlike any other NLC committee or council, is composed of not only local elected officials, but also youth members and representatives from major national organizations and corporations concerned about children and families. The Council also oversees the work of NLC's Institute for Youth, Education, and Families. NLC launched the YEF Institute in January 2000 in recognition of the unique and influential roles that mayors, city council members and other local leaders can play in strengthening families and improving outcomes for children and youth.

The National League of Cities is the nation's oldest and largest organization devoted to strengthening and promoting cities as centers of opportunity, leadership and governance. NLC is a resource and advocate for 19,000 cities, towns and villages, representing more than 218 million Americans.

## Peace Pole Dedicated at Mesa City Plaza

In recognition of World Understanding Month the Mesa Sunrise Rotary Club dedicated a Peace Pole in front of Mesa City Plaza. Each Peace Pole is a handcrafted monument that displays the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" on each side of the pole written in different languages reflecting the community's population.



"The Mesa Sunrise Rotary Club is dedicated to fostering peace through community service," Mesa Sunrise Rotary Club President Rory Gilbert

said. "Our partnership with the Week Without Violence Committee and the City of Mesa Human Relations Advisory Board has made Mesa City Plaza home to our latest Peace Pole."

The power of the Message and Prayer, "May Peace Prevail on Earth," lies in its capacity to bring people of various cultures, faith traditions and political ideals together as one united global heart and mind. The Message allows us to sincerely focus on our mutual desire to serve, create and manifest true peace on earth while transcending our differences and celebrating our common humanity.

Masahisa Goi created the Peace Pole in 1955 in Japan. To date, more than 200,000 Peace Poles have been planted in 200 countries throughout the world. Peace Poles have been placed in such notable locations as the North Magnetic Pole, the Hiroshima Peace Memorial, and the site of the Egyptian Pyramids in Giza.

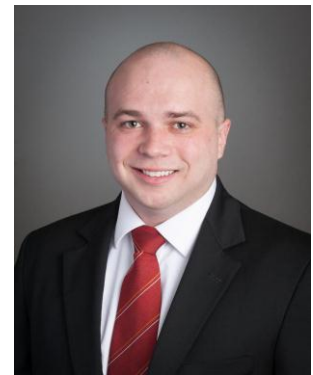
The Peace Pole at Mesa City Plaza is the fourth Peace Pole planted in Mesa. The others are located at the Mesa Urban Garden, Mesa Community College and Montessori International School. For more information go to [peacepoleproject.org](http://peacepoleproject.org).

## Contact Information

Have a question, opinion or an idea to help our City? I want to hear from you.

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Please note City of Mesa Offices hours are Monday - Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Closed Friday.

## City Council Meetings

City Council meetings are typically held the first and third Mondays of each month, beginning at 5:45 pm. All agendas are available on-line at [www.mesaaz.gov](http://www.mesaaz.gov). Study sessions are held most Thursday mornings at 7:30 am in the lower level council chambers.

Visit [MesaAz.gov](http://MesaAz.gov) for more information.

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